

MEN PAID RENT.

Witnesses Testify That Markle Withheld Last Money Earned by Husbands.

CHILDREN PAID DEBT OF DEAD.

Testimony to Show that Groceries in Mining Districts Advanced in Price 30 Per Cent in the Last Two Years and Meats 23 1-5 Per Cent.

Scranton, Dec. 9.—Almost the entire one of the day's session, the coal commission was taken up by the mine workers in presenting their case of the controversy with G. B. Markle & Co., in the Hazleton region. Miners placed witnesses on the stand who gave testimony to show that the company refused to employ them because they belonged to the union; had evicted them from their homes for the same cause; that the locking system was intolerable; that the question of the men getting the 10 per cent in wages granted as a result of the 1900 strike is much in doubt, because the men do not see how the company is figuring out the price in powder, which enters into the computation of the increase, and that the size of the mine cars has increased, but the wages have not. Two Hungarian women, one of them the mother of the boy who testified on Saturday, were placed on the stand and told how the Markle company deducted house rent from the last wages of their husbands, who were killed in the mines, and how the company attempted to get them to sign a paper which would absolve the Markles from damages for the death of the men. The women also confirmed the story told by the breaker boy, that the children had to work without pay until the debt owed by the dead fathers was paid off.

The Markle company was not represented by its own lawyers before the commission, although it had ample notice that testimony affecting their colliery would be presented. The commissioners expect the company to bring on evidence in rebuttal to the stories told by witnesses on Saturday and yesterday.

Commissioners Surprised.
The commissioners were very much surprised yesterday to learn that the 10 per cent increase granted in 1900 was not a straight-out raise in wages, but instead a 2 1/2 per cent increase and a reduction in powder of 7 1/2 per cent, making the net increase in earnings 10 per cent, which the miners claim is not being paid by the Markle company through some way of figuring they do not understand. The question came in for considerable discussion and no one in the court room could give the commission a satisfactory explanation.

The commissioners yesterday made another request on the companies to present figures as quickly as possible, and as a result the Erie company, late in the day, submitted its statistics regarding wages, hours and other data relating to the subject. The data made quite a large bundle.

J. W. Rittenhouse, secretary of the Retail Grocers' association, testified that figures given by 25 retail merchants in the upper coal fields showed that groceries had advanced 30 per cent over the prices of two years ago. John D. Hughes, Scranton manager for Armour & Co., testified that meats advanced 23 1-5 per cent in the period.

His session was extended and this will be the hour hereafter, the commissioning that more rapid made by longer sit-

Jewish Women.

At yesterday's annual convention of the Jewish women aided by Dr. Ira Johns Hopkins Education for the Blind.

Paris, Dec. 9.

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LEGISLATION FOR THE MINERS.

Believed That Men Will Get All They Ask for and That Coal Roads Will Be Disciplined.

Philadelphia, Dec. 9.—It is stated upon authority of Republican leaders that there will be considerable legislation in the interest of the anthracite miners enacted at the coming session. Those who are able to anticipate such events say that the miners will get everything in reason they may ask for.

Conferences between state leaders have been held frequently of late and a general outline of what is to be done has been agreed upon. The company store act of last session does not, the miners say, give the relief asked, and this law is to be whipped into desired form and re-enacted. Another bill governing the weighing of coal at the mines, in accordance with the plea made by the miners, is also under favorable consideration, and there are still others which will be indorsed and become laws.

With coal selling as high as \$9 per ton in Philadelphia and almost unobtainable at this price; with a hard coal famine in Washington, New York and other cities, popular sentiment, it is believed, will welcome legislation of remedial character. Members-elect of both senate and house from the anthracite districts are confident that they will get all the legislation they are entitled to. They claim that the solid delegation from Philadelphia will support the proposed bills and there appears to be good grounds for this confidence. The disposition to discipline the coal carrying roads, particularly the Reading and Lehigh Valley, is not localized. Senators and members-elect from all parts of the state have expressed a willingness to join in some action which will discipline those who have accepted the idea that they are "trustees of Providence."

RECEIVER APPOINTED.

Large Omaha Department Store in Business Difficulty.
Omaha, Neb., Dec. 9.—Judge Munger, in the federal court yesterday appointed Edgar F. Hastings temporary receiver for the W. R. Bennett company, who operates one of the largest department stores in the city. The store will not close, and it is stated that the petition for a temporary receiver is made to enable the company to make a settlement with creditors.

The following schedule of liabilities and assets was given out by Mr. Bennett last evening: Liabilities—Real estate mortgage, \$182,000; due to four banks, \$100,000; due to eastern creditors, \$17,000; due Omaha jobbers \$100,000; total, \$572,000. Assets—Real estate, \$380,000; stock, \$225,000; total, \$605,000.

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

Montreal, Dec. 9.—The Pacific cable in connection with the Canadian Pacific telegraph lines opened for business yesterday.

London, Dec. 9.—Harry McCalmont the well-known sportsman and Conservative member of parliament for Newmarket, dropped dead yesterday as he was leaving his residence here. The deceased was worth \$200,000, which he inherited from a great uncle.

Paris, Dec. 9.—It develops that Ambassador Porter's representations in behalf of the Passionist fathers of St. Joseph's church were entirely verbal and were not sent in a strong letter to Foreign Minister Delcasse, as reported here, or in any written communication.

Santiago, Cuba, Dec. 9.—Two thousand persons, among them the American representatives of the Cuban company, witnessed the departure yesterday morning of the first regular train to Havana with 150 through passengers. The crowd gave the train an enthusiastic send off.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 9.—Maud Hughes, Gertrude Harner and Harry Brady, while on their way from church Sunday night, were struck by a train at Grimsby station and killed.

London, Dec. 9.—The price of bread was raised 1 cent per loaf in the east end of London yesterday, thus intensifying the distress of the persons who are out of work.

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THE NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

No Appreciable Change in the Money Situation—Bonds Were Dull and Irregular.

New York, Dec. 9.—Business at the stock exchange yesterday dwindled to an aggregate of barely more than a quarter of a million shares. Amalgamated Copper was a conspicuous feature and rose in common with the copper stocks at other important financial centers. There was a rather violent advance also in the price of raw copper in London. Other centers of strength were the local traction, in which Manhattan was the leader. St. Paul also was advanced. The Hocking Valley stocks rose 2 1/2 for the common and 2 1/2 for the preferred. A jump of 5 points in Great Northern preferred accompanied an active demand for Northern Securities on the curb. A large day's business was reported in exports of both wheat and corn. Mexican securities were still under pressure on account of the depression in the silver market.

There was no appreciable change in the money situation, and the large requirements in prospect keep the speculative activity at a low ebb. An additional transfer yesterday through the sub-treasury of \$400,000 to San Francisco was the occasion for much comment. Yesterday's stock market closed firm.

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FATAL FIRE.

Three Persons Lose Their Lives and Six Are Injured.

Menominee Falls, Wis., Dec. 9.—Three persons are dead and six injured as a result of a fire Sunday night at Colgate, five miles from here in which the general store and dwelling of Max Manthey were destroyed. The origin of the fire is a mystery. The dead are: Max Manthey and two of his children, Hedwig, aged 9 years and Edna, aged 3 years. The injured are: Mrs. Manthey, who was slightly bruised, and five other children, one of whom, Dela Manthey, was so badly hurt that she may die. An infant daughter was unhurt.

Can Dance on Sunday.

Cleveland, Dec. 9.—The ordinance favored by the clergymen of this city regulating dance halls on Sunday was defeated in the city council last night and in its place was passed one permitting public dances on Sunday, as well as on other days, after due permit had been given by the director of police. The first named ordinance was defeated after hearing the opinion of the director of law, who gave it as his interpretation that an ordinance forbidding Sunday dances would not stand the test of the courts. A number of clergymen were present in the council chamber, but none other than councilmen were permitted to speak.

His Death a National Loss.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 9.—By a unanimous rising vote the convention to revise the New Hampshire constitution yesterday afternoon adopted a minute on the death of Hon. Thomas B. Reed. It says: "His profound integrity, his fearlessness of conduct and his high character in every respect, commanded wide admiration and his death at the height of his intellectual powers is recognized as a national loss."

Death Rather Than Lancaster.

Cleveland, Dec. 9.—Forest Wheeler, a 12-year-old boy, held in the county jail awaiting transportation to the state industrial school at Lancaster, hanged himself to a steam pipe in his cell with a rope made from his bed sheeting last evening. The boy was heard to say that he would rather be dead than be sent to Lancaster, and this is believed to have been the cause for the act of self-destruction.

Alleged Plot.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 9.—On petition of Congressman Connell, who is contesting George Howell's election to be his successor, Judge Archbald yesterday made an order directing all the ballots to be taken in and deposited with the clerk of the United States court. It is alleged in the petition that a plot has been discovered to tamper with the ballots.

Mr. Reed's Remains at Portland.
Portland, Me., Dec. 9.—The funeral train bringing the body of former Speaker Thomas B. Reed arrived at 12:30



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10:45, public worship, Lord's Supper.
6:30 p. m., Epworth League service, subject, "The Uprising of the Young Men," Miss Stella Davis, leader.
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